



Letters were sent to many Eagle Point residents who live near Highway 62 discussing the upcoming Oregon Department of Transportation Highway 62 improvements. The pavement will be rehabilitated between Linn Road and Highway 234. A two way left turn lane will be constructed between Crystal Drive and Rolling Hills Drive. Minor work will occur in spring in preparation of the larger project, to begin in late June or early July of 2013. Due to the amount of traffic during the day, night work is scheduled over the summer to reduce construction time.

Upcoming City Meetings

FEB 04	CITY COUNCIL/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT @ 6:00 PM
FEB 06	MUNICIPAL COURT @ 5:30 PM
FEB 12	CITY COUNCIL MEETING @ 7:00 PM
FEB 14	PARKS & REC MEETING @ 7:00 PM
FEB 19	PLANNING COMMISSION @ 7:00 PM
FEB 21	MUNICIPAL COURT @ 9:00 AM
FEB 26	CITY COUNCIL MEETING @ 7:00 PM
MAR 4	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT @ 5:00 PM
MAR 6	MUNICIPAL COURT @ 5:30 PM

Our Covered Bridge.....



EAGLE POINT — After nearly a quarter century, the covered bridge across Little Butte Creek has regained national historic status.

City Principal Planner Mike Upston, returning to work just after the New Year's holiday, got the news in a telephone call from the State Historic Preservation Office in Salem that the National Park Service in Washington, D.C., had agreed to relist the bridge on the National Register of Historic Places. The Park Service maintains the register.

"It's really exciting," Upston said. "We've been talking about this for five or six months now."

Built in 1922 and officially known as the Antelope Creek Bridge for the stream it originally crossed, the bridge was moved to Eagle Point in 1987. It was listed on the National Register in 1979, but after the move and subsequent modifications that changed its historic character, the bridge was removed from the register on April 18, 1988.

"There were a couple of reasons why it was delisted," Upston said, "particularly because arched windows were cut out on both sides. Since those years, the city has gone back and re-boarded it, painted it and taken a number of steps to be sure it's as consistent as possible to its historic origin."

He said the city is ordering a bronze plaque commemorating the bridge's historic status and expects to mount it on the bridge within a few weeks.

Councilman Jonathan Bilden, liaison to the city's Economic Development Commission, said he thought the relisting was big news for the city.

"In the Economic Development Commission we talk so much about tourism for the city," Bilden said. "Having that bridge listed is a great thing and I appreciate all of Mike's efforts."

Jackson County has three other covered bridges still standing; the recently rebuilt Wimer Covered Bridge across Evans Creek, the McKee Covered Bridge over the upper Applegate River and the Lost Creek Covered Bridge over Lost Creek.

With 50 still in existence, Oregon has the largest collection of covered bridges in the western United States, according to the Oregon Department of Transportation website. ODOT's guide to Oregon's covered bridges is online at <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/BRIDGE/docs/covbrdg/oregoncovbrdgs.pdf>. Article from Medford Mail Tribune.



New path along Little Butte Creek

The City of Eagle Point is taking advantage of the work volunteers did last fall to extend the path from the Covered Bridge (Antelope Creek Bridge) to the Butte Creek Mill. In October 2012 the LDS church, along with Bob Lyon of Central Valley Excavation and Alan Marshall, cleared much of the debris out of the area exposing a shelf that was a natural spot to put the path. The City has completed the job with little cost and effort, providing a path for many to enjoy.

Picture from Upper Rogue Independent.

UPCOMING EVENTS.....

- Valentines DayFebruary 14th
- Presidents' Day (City Offices Closed).....February 18th
- Exotic Dessert Auction.....March 9th
- Vintage Fair.....May 11th

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Eagle Point has vacancies on its Budget Committee and is accepting applications for persons interested in serving on the committee. Appointments are for a three-year period. Applicants must currently reside within the City limits of Eagle Point, have resided in the City for at least one full year, and be eligible to register to vote. Applications may be obtained online at www.cityofeaglepoint.org or be picked up at Eagle Point City Hall, 17 Buchanan Avenue South, Eagle Point, Oregon. Please return completed applications to City Hall prior to 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 15, 2013. For more information, contact Cindy Hughes, City Recorder, at 541-826-4212, Ext. 106.

VINTAGE FAIRE....

The Eagle Point Upper Rogue Chamber presents the 2013 Vintage Faire hosted by the Butte Creek Mill. The Vintage Faire has become one of the BIGGEST days for the Upper Rogue and brings in hundreds of people from all over the Rogue Valley. Mark your calendar and plan to come.

Volunteers

The Eagle Point Upper Rogue Chamber is looking for volunteers to help at this event. The Eagle Point Upper Rogue Chamber is also looking for volunteers for Avenue of the Flags. If you have a little bit of time and would like to volunteer for any of the Chamber events please call (541) 846-4025 or email eaglepointupperrogue@gmail.com.

AVENUE OF THE FLAGS



American flags as far the eye can see, greet visitors as they enter the City of Eagle Point, Oregon.

On appropriate holidays and other special occasions the Flag Committee of the Eagle Point Chamber of Commerce produces a patriot display of more than 175 flags, spaced 20 feet apart, along a route which begins at Highway 62 and leads to the Eagle Point National Cemetery.

The vision, called "Avenue of the Flags" and begun by Sharon Bauer in 1996, is to have approximately three miles of flag lined streets through the center of town.

Each flag displayed once draped the casket of an American Veteran and was donated by the families of the men and women who made our freedom possible.

Volunteers to help put up and take down the flags are always welcome. If you would like to help, please contact Helen Wolgamott, The Avenue of the Flags Committee at: 541-830-4049

Dates you may see the Avenue of the Flags: 4th of July, Memorial Day, President's Day, Flag Day, Labor Day, September 11th, Veteran's Day, and other special occasions.

New Trellis at Museum.....



If you find yourself passing by the historical museum, take a look at the south side of the building. You should see a new trellis that is being custom-built and installed by Public Works staff to support a beautiful wisteria vine. The monstrous vine was trimmed back this past Fall since it had been growing uncontrollably against the building and out across the ground in front of it. Now when it grows back it will have a tall, strong, attractive structure to grow on.

202 N Royal Ave, Eagle Point, OR
Friday, Saturday & Sunday 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Mattie Brown Park Parking Lot Project....



Design is currently being completed for the Mattie Brown Park Parking Lot project. The project includes a new paved parking area for 8 spaces, sidewalks along Royal Avenue from the Loto Street Bridge to the existing shelter, and a new walkway to the shelter. The parking lot will connect to a future path through the park. The project implements a low impact development (LID) feature, by using pervious asphalt. Pervious asphalt allows more water to percolate through the asphalt, reducing the amount of water leaving the site, and helps to filter pollutants that may otherwise enter Little Butte Creek.

The project is funded through the federally funded Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program. The program funds projects that provide a benefit to air quality, including paving areas that are contributing to dust pollution. David Evans and Associates, Inc. out of Salem is designing the project.

Construction is anticipated this summer, with the existing dirt parking temporarily closed for construction. The gazebo may also be closed during part of the construction. The park, including the playground, restrooms, and on street parking will remain open to the public during this time. For questions or comments on the project, please contact Robert Miller, Public Works Director, at 541-826-4212 ext 105, or by email at robertmiller@cityofeaglepoint.org.